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Still another assistant editor says: "I accept the offer of assistant editorship and will do at least what I can. I have been *aiming* at some of the items mentioned, already." Again, good! But "*aiming*" is not sufficient. FIRE! This writer confesses to some doubts about aiming or firing at Congressmen as "such people in public positions are bothered considerably by requests of various kinds," but "if to *assume* that I can make any suggestions that will have weight will help the peace cause in the smallest degree, I will venture wherever I see an opening." We shall have to take a whole new paragraph to deal adequately with that matter of the pestered Congressman! Here it is:

Remember two things: first, of course, that you are an assistant-editor-in-the-field of the ADVOCATE OF PEACE and are therefore entitled to assume practically anything you like about the weight that your words will carry (most editors and assistant editors of practically all publications assume, for instance, that the weight of their words will tilt the universe; it is part of being in the editorial business); second, that your Congressman lives to be pestered. Even if you are a woman, he is your representative in the place where the nation's laws are made and its policies determined. His business is to represent you. If he is not representing you, it is your business to see that he does so. If you are a man, or a woman in a suffrage State, you can do this once in awhile by voting for or against him. Whether you are a man or a woman you can do this any day and every day by letting him know briefly and concisely what your ideas are, and how many of your friends and his constituents have the same ideas. Pester him, gently but firmly. If you receive only a courteous reply and the laws of the country are not changed immediately, do not worry. Write him again next month,

giving him a little more information about your state of mind and that of your friends. 'Way off there in Washington, he may have forgotten that his folks back home want peace and want it hard. If you don't let him forget you, he will remember you. Any polite, brief, easy-to-read, "meaty" letter, stating just plainly what you have to tell him, will make an impression on him.

Entrench and let your first salvo be something like this:

The Hon. Jeremiah Jimkins,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.  
My dear Congressman Jimkins:

or

The Hon. Astaroth Smith,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.  
My dear Senator Smith:

The assistant editors who were armed and equipped on Friday, February 2, had a difficult task before them, but they rallied nobly and executed a doughty defense. In this issue of the ADVOCATE OF PEACE is excellent ammunition for further efforts. Consult, for instance, the editorial "Our View of the Case," and the small one entitled "What Are We Going to Do?" Read through the article on "Armed Neutrality," by Professor Hayes and see what effect it has on you. If we are driven into action, is not this the best sort of action which we can take, firm, justified, effectual, yet avoiding any implied, unqualified approval of the ends or means of the combatants in Europe? Think it over. If you believe or doubt this, write to your newspaper, your clergyman, and your Congressman or Senator about it, and write to us.

## BOOK REVIEWS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

**ALL BOOKS LISTED ON THIS PAGE MAY BE OBTAINED, POSTAGE PREPAID, UPON APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY, COLORADO BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**War, Peace and the Future.** By *Ellen Key*. Translated by *Hildegard Norberg*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 271 p. 1916. \$1.50.

This work is noteworthy especially for its distinction between patriotism and nationalism, and its picture of the part to be played by women in the struggle for world peace. It is nationalism that urges the supreme right of empire, that erects a national god to be evoked for the conquests of the chosen people, that fails to realize man's allegiance to humanity. Patriotism, in the author's use of the word, is none of these things. Patriotism places national righteousness above the rights of the nation, recognizes the God of all nations and all peoples, labors prayerfully and mightily for a nation which shall lead the world towards civility, honesty toward all, might through right. Nationalists are shown not to be patriots, but rather the contrary, since their will works eventually for the destruction of the best in their own country. The greater portion of the book is devoted to woman's part in peace attainment, and of this perhaps the keynote is this paragraph: "Woman—as the earth—has, after war, shown her power to renew what war has destroyed. And so they will this time. But will it be without reservation? Will not the hundreds of thousands of women have come to realize that it is their national duty to procure for themselves the right in their turn to control the destinies of themselves and their children!"

**Selected Articles on Non-Resistance.** Compiled by *Mary Prescott Parsons*. The Abridged Debaters' Handbook Series. The W. W. Wilson Co., White Plains, N. Y. 93 p. 1916. 35 cents.

This convenient little volume furnishes a mine of fact and opinion equally distributed to both sides of the question of non-resistance. It is prefaced by an exhaustive brief for both affirmative and negative taken from *The Independent*

for January 1, 1917. Following this is a valuable bibliography of books and magazine articles on the subject, with a list of organizations furnishing special pamphlets on one or the other side of the question. The main portion of the booklet is devoted to significant excerpts from articles and books written on non-resistance or resistance during the last few years. Interspersed are also valuable facts for the debater's consultation.

**The Hope of the Great Community.** By *Josiah Royce*. The Macmillan Company, New York. 136 p. 1916. \$1.00.

A semi-posthumous volume of six essays on the problems presented by the war, this book is of utmost interest to those intent upon an interpretation of the future that will constitute a definite advance of civilization and results in a greater degree of world amity than has yet been possible. Paramount at this particular time is the late Professor Royce's insistence, in his first essay ("The Duties of Americans in the Present War"), upon the principle that "men can reasonably define their rights only in terms of their duties". It is noteworthy that, in the further discussion of this country's "rights" from this angle of vision, and despite his own frank admission of un-neutrality as a result of the sinking of the *Lusitania* and of the *Ancona* and other similar incidents, Professor Royce wrote that "the hope of the community lies in trying to keep before us a vision of what the community of mankind may yet become despite this tragic calamity." This community he judges to be not a cosmic grouping of "men without a country," but "international by virtue of the ties which will bind its various nationalities together." More striking is his contention that from this community political disputes may be absent because, viewed in the light of history, "the political functions of such a community \* \* \* are ethically amongst the least important" and that the nations will rather be "loyally engrossed in much better business than fighting." For this

he counts upon the invention and active practice of "forms of international activity which will be at once ideal in their significance and business-like methods, so that we shall no longer be dependent upon the extremely rare and precious beings called prophets or poets to show us the way towards the united life of the great community." This in subsequent pages he makes clearer to the reader. The volume closes with an autobiographical sketch which is included as interpreting for the reader the spirit that wrought through Royce's work as a teacher of moral philosophy.

**The Wrack of the Storm.** By *Maurice Maeterlinck*. Translated by *Alexander Teixeira de Mattos*. 330 p. Dodd, Mead and Company, New York. \$1.50.

This work is essentially what one might expect of this author, a lofty and sincere testimony of heart-broken patriotism. Belgium has borne the wrack of the storm, as have other innocent victims, from distant Armenia to the mid-Atlantic, and it is too much, perhaps, to ask that it or its great men shall see beyond the crushing gloom or reason with the thunderbolts. Germany is here indicted, scathingly, yet with a generosity that can say of the German soldier: "He has gone to his death with \* \* \* a heroism which has many times compelled our admiration and our pity. He has known how to sacrifice himself \* \* \* to an idea \* \* \* which he believes to be just and lofty; and a sacrifice of this kind, whatever its object, is always proof of a force which survives those who devote themselves to making it and must command respect." It is not one of those, however, who has bent and crouched before the Storm, seen it beat down those dear and bound to him, who can be expected to indite the forces most truly to blame. Maeterlinck does not indite, for instance, the youth and ignorance of the world, which allowed the storm to grow, and, having permitted this, could not forestall its breaking upon the

world. Torn with the very wounds that mortify today in the national body, this Belgian could not be expected to realize that in the measure that humanity, and he as part of humanity, have permitted violence to thrive upon narrowness and futility, these wounds are self-inflicted. The book is, then, rather the food of pity than of reason. As a tribute to the best in Belgium, it is recommended to the reader.

**Real Preparedness.** By *Charles M. Thomas, LL. B.*, Washington, D. C. Published under copyright by the author. 1916.

**Nationality and Beyond.** By *Nicholas Murray Butler*. An address delivered before the Commercial Club of San Francisco, August 8, 1916. Published by the American Association for International Conciliation, 407 West 117th Street, New York City, as No. 107, October, 1916. 26 p.

**What the Public Schools Can Do Toward the Maintenance of Permanent Peace.** By *Fannie Fern Andrews*, Secretary of the American School Peace League. Reprinted from the Journal of the National Education Association, Vol. 1, No. 1, September, 1916. 4 pages. \$2.00 per hundred.

**The Central Organization for a Durable Peace.** By *Fannie Fern Andrews*, member of the Central Organization for a Durable Peace. An address delivered before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, April 28, 1916. 6 pages. \$3.00 per hundred.

**Invincible America, A Plan of Constructive Defence.** By *Harry G. Traver*. Issued, 1916, by the Society of Constructive Defense, 50 Church Street, New York City. 15 p. Single copies free; 50 copies, \$1.00.

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